at Kargil belongs to Ministry of Defence. National Airports Authority has no plan, at present, to upgrade this airport due to paucity of resources and lack of demand from air operators.

**New Aviation Agreement between German and India**

4920. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Germany is very keen to sign a new bilateral aviation agreement with India soon;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) The Air Services agreement between India and Germany was signed on 31-5-1963. The German Government has requested for an increase in the capacity entitlements of Lufthansa for operating to/from India, which is under negotiation between the two Governments.

**Losses in ITDC hotels in four metro cities**

4921. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH :
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of ITDC hotels/five star hotels of four metro cities which are running into heavy losses, despite subsidies provided by Government during 1991-92 and 1992-93, till date;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to save the loss running hotels of ITDC;

(c) whether the standard of the ITDC hotels including the five star hotels in four metro cities of the country, are getting very low day by day; and

(d) if so, what factors are responsible for such condition and the effective measures taken/likely to be taken by Government to raise the standards/quality of the ITDC hotels in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Necessary information is given in the Statement (*See* below)

(b) The steps being envisaged by ITDC management to improve the performance of hotels include aggressive marketing efforts, development of human resource by imparting training at all levels, introduction of special tariff/packages, operational cost reduction etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Statement**

*Profitability of ITDC hotels in Metro Cities of Delhi and Calcutta during the last 3 years etc.*

(Rs. in laks)
(Prov.)

| S. No. | Name of the Hotel | Star Category | NET PROFIT/LOSS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 1991-92 | 1992-93 | 1993-94 |
| 1. | Hotel Airport Ashok, Calcutta | 5 | (—) 4.05 | (—) 16.18 | (—) 75 59 |
| 2. | Ashok Hotel, New Delhi | Deluxe 5 | (—) 87.90 | (—) 11.33 | 236.90 |
| 3. | Qutab Hotel, New Delhi . . | 5 | (—) 4 58 | (—) 2.65 | 50 95 |
| 4. | Samrat Hotel, New Delhi . . | 5 | (—)224.89 | (—)98 80 | (—)36 85 |
| 5. | Janpath Hotel, New Delhi . . | 4 | (—) 77 61 | (—)31 92 | 90 70 |
| 6. | Kanishka Hotel, New Delhi . | 4 | (—) 63 38 | 85 87 | 234.75 |
| 7. | Lodhi Hotel, New Delhi . . | 3 | (—)38.11 | (—) 21 33 | 50.35 |
| 8. | Ranjit Hotel, New Delhi . . | 3 | (—)82 88 | (—) 115 95 | (—)97 90 |
| 9. | Ashok Yatri Niwas, New Delhi . | Economy | 43 78 | (—) 60.87 | (—)40.75 |

Note :

(1) ITDC does not own any hotel in metro cities of Bombay and Madras.

(2) No subsidy has been given to ITDC during the last 3 years.